cer had already been placed under suspension and another officer dismissed from bank's service in connection with other cases.

South African Markets

3855. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI:
DR. V.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to tap markets of South Africa; and

(b) the estimated potential of these markets for Indian goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Since commercial sanctions have not so far been lifted, no concrete steps to tap the South African market can be taken.

(b It is estimated that traditional Indian goods worth US $ 20 million are exported annually to South Africa from Mauritius, Hong Kong and Singapore. An unspecified value of goods find their way through Europe. On establishment of direct Indian trade links with South Africa this quantum of market could be taken over by Indian exporters.

Besides, the presence of a sizewable ethnic population and the sheer size of the South African market – US$ 18 billion at the moment, are factors which point to an optimistic view of the Indian share in the South African market, if and when trade sanctions are lifted.

Rupee–Rouble Exchange Rate

3856. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry is seriously hit by the Rupee–Rouble exchange e rate countroversy with the erstwhile Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the loss suffered by the industry as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to solve the matter at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The impact of he upee–Rouble Exchange rate is more on India's outstanding debt to the former USSR and not specifically on the textile industry as such.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Two rounds of inter–Governmental negotiations were held with the former USSR for seeking a revision of the Rupee–Rouble Exchange rate which is base on the November, 1978 Protocol. The negotiations have been inconclusive so far.

Road Accidents

3857. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:
SHRI VIRENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road accidents in the country during the last three years, Statewise;

(b) the number of persons killed/injured during the same period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Details are given in Statement - I.

(b) Details are given in Statement - II.

(c) The steps taken/being taken by the Central Government and State Governments are detailed in Statement - III.

STATEMENT–I

Number of Road Accidents in India (State-wise) During 1989-91.

All India/States/ U.T.s	*1989*	*1990*	*1991*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
ALL INDIAN STATES			
Andhra Pradesh	13423	16042	17232
Arunachal Pradesh	239	233	204 (E)
Assam	1956	1762	1899
Bihar	9552	9552 (R)	9776 (E)
Goa	1813	2205	2168
Gujarat	23823	25495	27140
Haryana	5358	5096	4867
Himachal Pradesh	1060	1123	1269
Jammu & Kashmir	3615	2326	3927 (E)
Karnataka	20902	21992	22438
Kerala	16762	20247	21556 (E)
Madhya Pradesh	20265	23492	25096 (E)

All India/States/ U.T.s	1989	1990	1991
1	2	3	4
Maharashtra	59045	56982	59418 (E)
Manipur	430	472	369
Meghalaya	646	540	450 (E0
Mizoram	98	80	74
Nagaland	263	237	61
Orissa	5737	6069	6171 (E)
Punjab	1622	1621	1565
Rajasthan	9593	10456	11046
Sikkim	105	115	137
Tamil Nadu	32962	34634	32522
Tripura	449	408	371
Uttar Pradesh	13696	16318	15960
West Bengal	15846	16375	16041 (E)

All India/States/ U.T.s	1989	1990	1991
1	2	3	4
UNION TERRITORIES:			
A & N Islands	124	144	86
Chandigarh	277	250	294
Dadra & N Haveli	61	79	50
Daman & Diu	66	91	67
Delhi	7192	7697	8065
Lakshadweep	5	2	Nil
Pondicherry	663	662	724
Total:	267648	282797	291043

R= Repeated Figures

E= Estimated Figures

STATEMENT–II

Number of Persons killed and Persons Injured in Road Accidents in India (State-wise) during 1989-90.

All India, States/U.T.s.	1989	1990		1991*	
	Persons killed	Persons Injured	Persons killed	Persons Injured	Persons killed
1	2	3	4	5	6
ALL INDIA STATES					
Andhra Pradesh	4458	14207	5211	17356	5672
Arunachal Pradesh	59	307	97	578	36 (E)
Assam	895	2459	904	2551	867
Bihar	2183	2347	2751 (E)	2347 (R)	2304 (E)
Goa	169	1644	174	1687	180
Gujarat	3509	25673	3722	25673 (R)	3979
Haryana	1819	4616	1969	4452	1916
Himachal Pradesh	469	2008	465	2225	414
Jammu & Kashmir	491	3889	371	2393	672 (E)
Karnataka	3655	23734	3901	25938	3979
Kerala	1737	23000	1793	26996	1709 (E0

All India. States/U.T.s.	1989	1990		1991*	
	Persons killed	Persons Injured	Persons killed	Persons Injured	Persons killed
1	2	3	4	5	6
Madhya Pradesh	2709	18243	2793	19368	3089 (E)
Maharashtra	5785	36145	5427	32787	9884 (E0
Manipur	129	583	106	765	87
Meghalaya	98	679	133	524	104 (E)
Mizoram	38	166	38	101	28
Nagaland	42	192	64	209	39
Orissa	1171	6918	1193	6428	1300 (E)
Punjab	819	994	1133	1322	1019 (E)
Rajasthan	3023	10681	3465	11554	3736
Sikkim	38	197	26	155	34
Tamil Nadu	6299	26640	6663	29523	6406
Tripura	136	599	113	745	102
Uttar Pradesh	6130	10236	7639	12571	7936 (E)

All India. States/U.T.s.	1989	1990		1991*	
	Persons killed	Persons Injured	Persons killed	Persons Injured	Persons killed
1	* 2	3	4	5	6
West Bengal	2094	4933	2600	7048	2559 (E)
UNION TERRITORIES:					
A & N Islands	15	129	17	182	5
Chandigarh	76	214	80	191	104
Dadra & N Haveli	10	90	18	119	9
Daman & Diu	9	58	16	88	7
Delhi	1583	7378	1670	7883	1820
Lakshadweep	Nil	5	Nil	2	Nil
Pondicherry	82	707	106	667	107
Total:	49730	229671	54658	244428	60103

R = Repeated Figures

E = Estimated Figures

* Details of Persons injured not available.

STATEMENT – III

The Steps taken/being taken include:–

1. The M.V. Act, 1988 and the Rules framed thereunder provide for stricter requirements in respect of issuance of driving licences, and stringent penalties for offences.

2. Formal training in a driving school is made a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles.

3. Maximum safe laden weights have been prescribed for trucks including light commercial vehicles.

4. Maximum speed limits have been prescribed for all vehicles except light motor vehicles.

5. Uniform intervals for checking the fitness of vehicles have been prescribed throughout the country.

6. It is prescribed that road safety devices would be fitted in the vehicles viz. direction indicators with blinker system for vehicles, special labels on carriages carrying dangerous or hazardous goods.

7. A National Road Safety Council has been set up for formulation of road safety measures. State Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety council.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeeding, over-loading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the road safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.

14. More police presence in accident prone areas.

15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.

16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.

17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.

18. Special night checking on Highways.

19. Special drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.

20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

[*Translation*]

Expenditure on Republic Day Parade

3858. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the details of expenditure incurred on